



The Newsletter for the Members of the Owasippe Staff Association

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Vibrations

Annual Meeting A Huge Success

The room was hot, crowded and noisy but the 121 OSA members and their guests that packed the 19th Annual Meeting on Saturday March 1st, didn't mind one bit.

The gala festivities were coordinated by the superwoman efforts of **BARB PAYNE**. She put together one of the most successful OSA events of all times.

The evening started with members gathering over cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and the election of new members to the board of directors. **ART PAULL**, and **BOB WARD** were re-elected to the Board and joining them was new board member **KEVIN OSTER**.

While the guests mingled **CHERYL MERRITT** worked her way through the crowded room, cheerfully helping OSA members part with their money as she hawked raffle tickets and split-the-pot card drawings. Thanks to Cheryl and to all those who contributed prizes and bought raffle tickets and supported the split-the-pot.

Over \$400 was raised to help the OSA support scout camping.

SCOTT WEBER did an excellent job at emceeding the raffle along with his gift presenter **Barb Payne**. Highlights included weekend cabin rentals at Owasippe and White Sox tickets.



Art Paull was reelected President by the board of directors and he briefly addressed the gathering and recognized members who had made a significant contribution the previous year.

The OSA Explorer Post was represented by **PAT NEWELL**, **JASON KATZWINKEL** and **KEVIN MURPHY**.

D.J. BILL TENNER kept the crowd entertained the rest of the evening with his musical selections, which began with Bruce Springsteen's "Glory Days", how fitting.

Next year is the 20th Anniversary of the OSA and **Niko's** will once again be the site but in a room that will accommodate 300 people. See you there!

Spring Fix-its Feature Fun and Fellowship

Due to the extraordinary amount of work that needs to be completed at Owasippe, the OSA will host two Fix-it weekends this spring. The **first** will be on **May 16, 17 and 18th**. The **second** will be held on **June 6, 7 and 8th**. Accommodations will be in Reneker with some Gray Staff Village cabins available for families with infants and

toddlers. Work projects have not yet been decided but be assured there is plenty to be accomplished. As usual meals will be provided for workers and their families. To R.S.V.P. call **Art Paull** (773)445-2016 Fax (773)445-0205 or E-mail Apaullosa@aol.com

The President's Perspective

by Art Paull



Well, our 19th Annual Meeting is behind us now, and those of you who weren't there and didn't vote.....you're stuck with me as your president again.

We got to see some faces we haven't seen in a while. It was a great crowd (many more than expected) and the room seemed to shrink as the evening progressed. It was great to see everybody and a nice change of pace, I think, bumping elbows while the staff at Niko's scrambled for more tables and chairs. A little like the Blackhawk (GO!) dining hall in recent years... A special thanks to event chairperson Barb Payne – GREAT JOB!

We look forward to next year for our 20th, which will be hosted by our Founders and first Board of Directors. That's right, we dug them all up and they're already busy planning a spectacular 20th anniversary meeting. Who knows....the word dance may actually be more than a memory again. This much is known: it will happen March 7, 1998; there will be a special guest speaker; it will be at Niko's again and; our accommodations are for 300+ so let's see if we can fill it. I know

you're out there.....so come out, show your faces and have some fun!!!!

Looking forward to the rest of the year we have three fixits scheduled. Check the event calendar in this issue for the dates in May, June and September. We've made a big dent in the restoration of Camp Carlen, which is just about wrapped up and looking good. Stop by and check out the sign erected in our honor as you enter the camp. Which camp will we attack next?

Attendance at recent fixits has been excellent and, as we all know, there's always more to do, so go get your pen and calendar (or your checkbook?). If you haven't been in a while, its not all work and no play, so come on out.

Well, I could go on, but if you got this far you're probably sufficiently bored. Besides, I have to save something for the next issue. So, get off your butts, turn off the TV, pack the car and the kids, and lets see you sometime this year.

Now is the time.....

Art

P.S. If you have any questions/comments, find my phone number elsewhere in this issue and give me a call (5 minute limit on complaints).

The OSA on the NET

The OSA has a homepage on the Internet. The address is: <http://www.FoxValley.net/~vincer/>

This homepage features information and news about the OSA and a calendar of events. It also carries news about Owasppe, The CAC, as well as links of interest to OSA members. If you have access to the Internet, please check it out.

The Maintenance Buzz

There have been some changes in the Ranger staff at Owasispe. Jimmy DeBoer has joined the staff. He is well versed in maintenance and the trades and will add a lot to the department. Steve Holke has left the staff so the Ranger staff now consists of Mike Drazba, Jimmy DeBoer and Gary Glowiencke.

A project that is nearing completion is some major work on Food Prep. The exhaust hood had to be replaced to meet modern building codes. A new stainless steel hood and air exchange unit was added. The interior is also being painted and many other miscellaneous repairs are being made. The total bill for the project is estimated at \$80,000.

Mike Drazba mentions that his staff is definitely outnumbered by the projects which surround them and would appreciate the help if anyone could volunteer a couple of days or a weekend. The one for one weekend deal is still valid. For every weekend of volunteer work you put in at Owasispe, you can get a weekend of "playtime". They are especially in need of persons in building mechanical areas; HVAC, refrigeration, etc. Please call Mike at (616) 894-4061 if you can help or need further information.

Steve Schaefer Memorial Fund

Past staff members are aware of the fact that it is often difficult to work at summer camp and attend college in the off season. The Schaefer Memorial Fund has been supplying extra funds to staff members that are also attending college. You could help the current OSR staff members with their college expenses by donating to:

The Schaefer Memorial Fund

c/o Bill Schaefer
6448 Newark Ave.
Chicago, IL. 60631

The fund was established in 1990 following the tragic death of former Owasispe staffman Steve Schaefer, in a fire at Southern Illinois University. Its purpose is to provide an additional stipend to help defray college expenses for staff members. All Owasispe staff members who are currently attending college are eligible to receive an award.

The fund is administered by three trustees; Bill Schaefer Jr., the OSR Camp Director (currently Bill Schaefer Sr.) and one appointee (currently John Brown, OSR Business Manager). The funds are held by the OSA and contributions are always welcome.

Off Season Use at Owasispe

Cabins are available for rent at Owasispe for use by families and scout units during the off season. 15 Gray Staff Village cabins, 2 Lake Cabins, and the Health Lodge are available for groups up to 40 people. The Gray Staff Village cabins cost \$35 per night to rent. Also available will be linens and cooking utensils for rent.

Attractions include hiking, boating, fishing and hunting. Another possibility is horseback riding at Owasispe. If you request it in advance, a local



stable will bring the horses & gear to Owasispe for your trail ride. Or try a western weekend, groups of ten minimum can enjoy an entire weekend of camping & trail riding as well as a bonfire on Friday and a social on Saturday. Both these programs will be available for a very reasonable fee.

In addition to cabin rentals at Owasispe, all scout units that want to tent camp can do so for free. Just call the Chicago Area Council Camp Center to make your reservations. (800) 530-9566.



CIT Program Update

by Ron Kulak

While we have 26 male and female C.I.T.s, we could use 5-6 more males for program areas. The weekend shakedown is April 25 & 26 and will entertain other applications until then. As far as Senior Staff goes (age 18+), we NEED commissioners, shooting sports staff and handicrafters. There are a smattering of openings for junior staff throughout the Reservation, however, I think Owasippe is in the best shape it has been in a long time with jr. Staff.

The C.I.T. Shakedown Weekend will be April 25 & 26 at the Environmental Learning Center in Mokena, just north of Rt. 30, off of Wolf Road. Assisting with the training will be Ron Kulak, Chauncey, Frank Chlebek, Joe Sener, Kevin Oster, Mary Beth Niziol, Pat and Donna Troy, Dan Troy and Tom Patterson plus all of the Camp Directors.

Pre-Camp Inspection

by Joe Sener

April 5th was the pre-camp inspection for Owasippe. This is a required part of the regional camp visitation process.

25 volunteers, most of whom are part of the regional camp visitation team, and many OSA members were on hand for the process. Every building on the reservation is inspected. The team tries to get accomplished in 8 hours what the regional team will do in 3 days so obviously they have three times as many people.

The purpose of the inspection is reducing the risk of having significant findings during the actual on site inspection in July. The overall consensus from the inspection is the camp is basically in good shape.

Chicago Area Camping Center

All Hoover and Owasippe questions, reservations and information are available at this center

Toll Free (800) 530-9566

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Member Survey

OSA 20th Anniversary Annual Meeting

The 20th Annual meeting of the OSA will take place on Saturday March, 7, 1998. It will be at Niko's, 7600 S. Harlem Avenue, Bridgeview, Illinois. The 9 original board members have agreed to host this gala event and would like your input. There has been discussion after past annual meetings of whether to provide certain features. So here is

your chance to let your opinion be known. Please fill out this form and return it to the P.O. Box or at any OSA function. Your comments and suggestions are greatly appreciated.

RAFFLE	Yes _____	No _____
DISC JOCKEY	Yes _____	No _____
BAR	Open _____	Cash _____

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ROBERT CROWN HIGH ADVENTURE BASE

Whitehall, Michigan

AMERICA'S
PREMIER SCOUT CAMP



MANISTEE QUEST

WHAT IS THE C.H.A.B.?

The Crown High Adventure Base (CHAB) is a fully-staffed section camp at Owasippe Scout Reservation devoted solely to the administration of backpacking treks and canoe voyages through the Manistee National Forest, "The Manistee Quest". From this base camp, Scouts or Explorers and Scouters will receive training in specific skills necessary for their selected trek, get detailed instructions regarding their gear and route, go through a "shake-down" mini-trek at Owasippe, and enjoy some recreation activities before and after their trek. Trek crews will operate solely from CHAB rather than from any of the other reservation section camps that they can attend.

"The Manistee Quest" is a 5-day and 4-night excursion that will follow the North Country National Scenic Trail

with optional rendezvous with the Muskegon, White, Pere Marquette, or Manistee Rivers for overnight float trips... "all the streams of the Potawatomi". All treks will be accompanied by a trained trail guide. Separate canoe trips of 1-3 days in length can be arranged through CHAB by any Owasippe unit but "combo" treks consisting of both backpacking and canoeing must enroll through the Crown High Adventure Base. Troops interested in one-day hikes along the North Country National Scenic Trail, 10-20 miles, may also make these arrangements through CHAB but must provide their own leadership. Patches will be available for base camp enrollment, the Manistee Quest, and canoe trips.

MANISTEE QUEST FACTOIDS

- Backpacking Treks along the North Country National Scenic Trails into the heart of the Manistee National Forest...120 miles of marked trails through a mostly uninhabited wilderness of rolling hills, tall pines, bogs and pristine streams of Michigan's lower peninsula.
- Occasional sightings of a bald eagle, wild turkey, black bear, or white tailed deer.
- Overnight and Day Canoe Trips along the Muskegon, White, Manistee, Pere Marquette, and Pine Rivers
- Trail Planning and Trip Training before arrival and at the Robert Crown High Adventure Base Camp (CHAB).
- Assigned trail guide, age 18+, who will be your trek counselor-advisor.
- Public campgrounds and designated camp-sites in route.
- Major equipment items such as maps, tents and tarps provided.
- Transportation provided to your start point and from your end point.
- Recreation activities at CHAB.
- Steak Fry Dinner on the day you get back.
- Base Camp "special issue" patch

included...Manistee Quest and 50-miler patches available.

- We recommend two prior years of summer camp experience plus pre-trip training and preparation by the troop before arrival to camp ...following guidelines provided by the Crown High Adventure Base staff.



WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

- Registered Scouts and Explorers age 13 by January 1 of the year of the trek. We recommend that Scouts be at least First Class.
- Trek crews limited to 6 Minimum up to 10 Maximum. Adults (age 18+) cannot exceed 1/2 of the crew less one. We want the majority of slots available for Scouts.
- Units must provide a minimum of two adults, one of which must be at least age 21 by arrival to camp... all adults must be registered adult leaders with the BSA.
- All participants must have physician's approval for participation in a rigorous activity via a BSA Class-3 physical #34412.
- Units must have tour permit approval from their local Scout Council and parental permission forms. (Tour permit not applicable to CAC units).

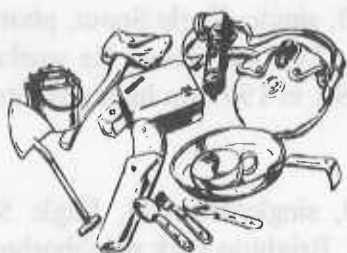
WHEN CAN TRIPS BE TAKEN?

- Treks are for 5 days and 4 nights, and can be a combination of different venues. Checkin is Saturday

after 2:00pm...checkout will be the following Saturday morning by 10:00am.

- 5 periods are available for participation at CHAB...2nd through 5 periods unless otherwise arranged:
- 2nd period: July 5 -12
- 3rd period: July 12 - 19
- 4th period: July 19 -26
- 5th period: July 26 - August 2
- 6th period: August 2 - 9

All treks depart CHAB Monday morning and arrive back on Friday afternoon to the Crown High Adventure Base.



WHAT EQUIPMENT WILL BE ISSUED?

- Trail tents for every two people in crew.
- Trail tarp per crew.
- Freeze-dried trail food.
- First Aid Kit.
- Manistee and topographical maps.
- Dry bags.
- Garbage bags and zip locks.
- Water purifying tabs.
- Fuel for stoves; white gas or propane/butane.

HOW MUCH WILL THIS

COST?

- \$100 trek deposit per crew due with reservation (this is credited toward all final fees paid and is non-refundable).
- \$250 per crew due by February 1, non-refundable after June 15.
- \$250 per crew due by April 1, non-refundable after June 15.
- Total fees due by May 1, non-refundable after June 15.
- Trek Package Fees:
- A. Backpacking Treks @ \$195/person
- B. Combo Treks canoeing/hiking @ \$225/person
- One Adult Leader free per crew.
- Camperships available to Scouts of Chicago Area and Calumet Councils. Trek crews from other councils need to check with their local Scout service center.
- Bus transportation (round trip) can be arranged at approximately \$50 per person.

RIVER TRIPS AND REQUIREMENTS

- All float trips, day or overnight, will be arranged for each trek by the CHAB staff with canoe livery services licensed with the U.S. Forestry service. Trek fees will include rental costs and required trip permits.
- The White and Muskegon Rivers are winding streams that can occasionally be swift with river obstacles that must be negotiated or portaged. These rivers can split

off into bayous.

- The Pere Marquette and Manistee Rivers have no bayous up-stream and have moderate rapids throughout their routes. Both are well maintained and have very few river obstacles.
- The Pine River is in the vicinity of the northernmost segment of our trail but cannot be reached via trail for down river canoeing. Separate canoe trips can be arranged for this river, Michigan's fastest moving stream with plenty of white-water action.
- All canoeing participants must complete a swimmers test at CHAB.
- All trek crews that will be canoeing must have an adult leader with CPR training provided by the Red Cross, Professional Rescuer Certification, or by the American Heart Association, Level-D Certification.
- BSA Lifeguard certification for one person, age 17 or older, in crew.

FOLLOW-UP AND PREPARATION

- Inquiries can be called-in to Tom Ewan at the Chicago Area Council camping center at 630-553-7361 or send a fax to him at 630-553-4261. Additional questions can be directed via e-mail to: CACCMPCNTR@JUNO.COM.
- All trek crews will receive a trip planning guide with checklists of needed equipment and a suggested training schedule upon registration.

OSR 1991 Staff Reunites at OSA Annual Meeting

by Tim Toerber

As a ploy by the OSA to lure more Staff members into their clutches, a Reunion for the 1991 Owasispe Staff was held at the annual OSA Spring Dinner Dance. And it worked. The dinner began at 6:00pm, so the gathering of Staffmen began at 7:00pm in coincidence with the opening of the bar.

There was a great deal of reminiscing as old faces emerged from the shadows of time and Staff unity shone through with the total of four lonely Staffmen wearing their faded red shirts[tm] from 1991.

After dinner and the OSA meeting, the bar reopened with hails and cheers of glee, much to the bartenders' dismay. By 10:00pm most of those gathered began to fade back into the shadows, with only the devout and reverent left behind to sing each Owasispe Camp Song over and over with pride.

All in all, in the immortal words of Kevin Murphy, "It was a @#%&* awesome time."

We would like to thank the OSA for this opportunity to remind us what really brings us all together, since the days of yore, and hope to see everyone next year.

In Memorium

I was saddened to learn of the passing of George Morkes. I first met George while I worked Pack & Paddle. He asked me if I knew of any good places to fish and I told him of the rumor I had heard of monster pike in Pierre's Bayou. That week on my day off we dragged a canoe down Cleveland Creek and fished the Bayou as well as the mouth of the creek. We didn't catch any monsters but we had fun.

Every year after that, while George was at OSR with his troop we would go on an "adventure" on my day off.

We hiked the yellow trail on the north side of the river one year. Actually we bush-whacked through the woods using map and compass most of the way but in spots we were actually able to find the old trail. It was a hot day and I had neglected to bring a canteen with. George graciously shared his water with me. The next summer he showed up at Canoe Central with a canteen, that he had made himself, as a gift for me, as well as yearly gift of chocolate chip cookies. I always looked forward to his visits to C.C., even if it was just relaxing on the porch over a cold pop.

I will never forget him, his kindness or his scout spirit

Vince Rychtanek

NEW MEMBERS

JON JORDAN of Joliet, IL, age 25, single and a teacher in the Joliet school system. Jon was on staff from 1988-1990. 2 yrs at Blackhawk and 1 on Wolverine. He was well-known for his flaming Indian hoop dances and will be on OSR outpost staff in 1997, ie. Cheyenne Outpost.

MARK BREGIN of Woodridge, age 25, single and a manager at Pedigree Hot Dogs. Mark worked at camp from 88-94, mostly at Blackhawk, also 1 yr at Ad Center and 1 yr. at Wolverine. He is an Eagle Scout and goes by the nickname... "Badger".

TIM TOERBER of Cicero, age 23, single, Eagle Scout, photography aficionado, co-editor of the "Virtual" Tree. He worked on staff 91-92, 94 and again at OSR in 1997 on high adventure & pack and paddle staff.

STEVE KANTORSKI JR., age 40, single/divorced, Eagle Scout, father of 3...still lives in his old Brighton Park neighborhood of Chicago. Steve is the Scoutmaster of Troop 65 (bridgebuilders). He worked on Wolverine North 1974 staff and was hired for phantom staff of Camp Sauger Lake in 1975 before it was disassembled. Steve works at Siebe Environmental Controls as a Sr Control Field Rep.

BILL KLEINFELDT of Chicago, age 23, is presumed single, however this cannot be confirmed seeing as he did not fill in the back of his OSA application. Bill is a carpenter with Dink & Roach Builders. Also joining is his brother **DAN KLEINFELDT** of Chicago, age 25, presumed single. Danny emulates his brother, Bill, by not filling in the back of his OSA application. They may be joined at the hip for he claims same address as Bill. Dan is a grammar school teacher in Oak Park.

Owasippe administration staff for the summer of 1997 have been named.

Bill Schaefer	Reservation Director
Jerry Lutz	Assoc. Res. Dir. Program
Pete Klaeser	Assoc. Res. Dir. Services
Frank Wiatrowski	Warehouse Manager
Pat Monahan	Blackhawk Director
Ed Kinnerk	Carlen Director
John Adamowski	Wolverine Director
Jim Malebranche	Crown High Adv. Base Dir.
Marilyn Kulak	Reneker Director

GREG REGALADO of Chicago, age 21, single, uses Ron Kulak and Tony Escobedo as references (Oh my God!). Greg trained as a paramedic and was a CIT in 1991, Blackhawk staff 92. He works for TIP Intermodal as an Asst Office Manager.

LELAND LOTTER of Aurora, CO, age 40. Eagle Scout and now a den leader of his son's, (Doug age 7), cub pack. He also has daughter, Allison, age 4. Married to Janet, he works in outside sales for AW Chester-ton. Leland worked OSR 1973-74, Stuart waterfront and AC Trucker, respectively. Welcome Back.

The Galloping Grapevine

Former staffman **TONY ROTZOLL** checked in with the OSA via the Internet and sent the following greetings...Life is good here in Memphis. We have a great house and the cost of living is very good. Weather is good too. The old snow shovel is very very dusty. Just the way I like it.

I'm a systems advisor for FedEx. I design computer applications. We do all the Customs Clearance systems for all the freight coming into the US. Lots of Internet activity and recognizable things like FedExShip (point, click and ship commercials.....) I have a masters license as a construction electrician and do a lot of side work.

My wife **Maureen** and I have three kids. **Martha 9, Lauren 7 and Kevin 1.** We go camping frequently around the south. Fishing, biking. I still scuba dive in my pool often. Kind of like the old Frogman outpost.

Last time I was up at Owasispe was in July 93. I drove down Silver Creek road and had a lump in my throat the whole time. All that construction. Ouch. Anyway, great to see the place again. I still hear the voices of scouties in the woods. Everyone once in awhile some scoutie sends me a note saying he remembers me from Camp. It sure warms up your day. That's what it was all about. I'm anxiously waiting for my son to get to scouting age. The cycle continues.

News from Ypsilanti. **DAVE AND PAULA STRENSKI** are very happy to announce the birth of **Irene Ezra**, she was born on February 13, 1997 and weighted in at 3.88 kilos and was 55.5 cm long. Paula, Irene, and Dave are all doing great!

SUSAN BLEW recently donated \$150 to the OSA in memory of her grandfather **W.R. BLEW** who was instrumental in Owasispe as it exists today. She writes; "I've lived in California for 19 years now, but it still doesn't feel like home the way Chicago does. I have twin boys who are 13. One has just joined Boy Scouts. Both sing with the San Francisco Boys Chorus and are currently singing in Carmen with the San Francisco Opera. I am a

Division Manager for Wells Fargo Bank working in data processing. Our family hikes, backpacks, and enjoys the out-of-doors. Some day we'd love to join you for Fall Fix-it!. All my best regards to my old friends from summer camp staffs of '68 & '69, as well as those who carry the tradition onward."

Board of Directors member **PAT TROY** writes: I am teaching at University of Illinois at Chicago in the Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Department. I have had the opportunity to teach a few other Owasispe staff and campers over the years (currently Sean Lynch)

During the summer I have been working at Columbia Pipe and Supply as a programmer. My wife, **Donna (Arenberg)**, works there full time, so it is nice to get to see her during the day while working together.

LEROY AND MARY ANN FELL were recently in North Carolina to welcome the arrival of their seventh grandchild.

GEORGE MORKES passed away on January 16 as a result of pancreatic cancer. An avid fisherman and longtime OSR Scouter, George loved to come to Owasispe on fixits with OSA to paint and, of course, fish for that trophy largemouth. George was also a big supporter of annual year book and ads and he and his family were very active in Scouting for many years.

Former Owasispe chaplain **FATHER THOMAS SHIELDS, S.J.** passed away on August of 1996. He was living at the Jesuit Community in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

OSA explorer post president, **PATRICK NEWELL** writes that school and work have been busy. The post is in the process of rechartering and starting their second year. This year has been a huge learning experience with regard to the Post and the OSA, next year will be a little more refined. Thanks to the

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The Galloping Grapevine

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Board of Directors for all their help and support.

The **HORVATH FAMILY** (**STEVE, TERRY, STEPHEN, JEFF, CURT, PAUL**) report in that all are well. Steve (Camp Properties Committee) and Terry (past director of Camp Reneker) continue to reside in Palos Heights, IL. **Stephen** and his wife, **Meg**, moved from NY to Vienna, Austria in October 96, where he is continuing his legal practice with the firm Hunton & Williams. Stephen writes; "I have an office here and also one in Warsaw, Poland (where we have 30 lawyers, and a booming business). Not much scouting for me lately. It's always great to "hear" from OSR veterans via email (shorvath@hunton.com)."
Jeff and his wife, **Jennifer**, along with their three children, **Trey (8), Darren (6) and Cassidy (10 mos.)** reside in Downers Grove, IL. **Curt** and his wife, **Diana**, reside in New York City with their daughter **Emma**. **Paul**, still in search for that soul-mate, calls Bolingbrook home when he is not traveling the globe.

My name is **ED GORZ** and I worked at Owasisippe from 1990 - 1995 at Camp Wolverine. I'll be graduating from UIC in May with a BA in Accounting. I plan to sit for the CPA exam in the fall. No jobs are lined up yet, but I have several interviews coming up. Hopefully I'll get a job that doesn't start until fall so that I can work at Owasisippe for the summer.

The **GORDON STIEFEL FAMILY** visited London and Paris in November, 1996. Baden Powell House and Gilwell are must see locations! Rode the Chunnel!! Gordie was recently appointed the Senior Assistant Council Commissioner for the Chicago Area Council, BSA. He is also starting YEAR 4 as the Cubmaster of Pack 117, St. John of the Cross Parish, Western Springs. Gordie has agreed for this summer to serve on the Staff of the 1997 National BSA Jamboree, Fort AP HILL Virginia! Yes, he still has an active Home Mortgage Loan practice with Great Northern Mortgage. In fact, most of his residential home loans are statewide in ILLINOIS; but his #2 is the State of WYOMING! The company does busi-

ness in all of the continental United States! His phone is 1 800 280-5883

RON KULAK, aka Owasisiron. 20 years of wedded bliss to **MARILYN** (Carl's Sister) **YOUNG** with 4 strapping young men: **JASON, 13; RICHARD, 15; NICHOLAS, 16; PETER, 18...**all Boy Scouts. Pete made his Eagle in July and is a freshman at Eastern ILL. Peter and Nicholas have been and will again be on OSR staff. Richard will join the ranks of the CITs this summer. Marilyn will be Director of Reneker in 1997 and is a teacher in the Western Burbs. Ron has a full-time job as Scoutmaster of Troop 442 in Tinley Park, IL, for his 5th year and runs a business part time out of Arlington Hts, IL, Illinois Credit Corp. Ron will again help coordinate the CIT program this summer and is helping to organize the new Crown High Adventure Base and "Manistee Trek" program. You can e-mail him at Owasiron@prodigy.com.

CAMPING AND OUTDOOR COMMITTEE FORMING

This new committee will oversee the total outdoor program of the council. It will work in conjunction with the Hoover and Owasisippe committees as well as the other outdoor programs of the Council. Currently the committee will be comprised of 6 committees that will include Order of the Arrow, Program, Promotion, Conservation, High Adventure, and Campmaster. The district Camping Chairs will also be part of this committee. This group is being organized by **Ron Gerlica**, the new Vice President of Camping and Outdoors. Ron is a life time volunteer scouter who, within the last year, has joined our Council. He came from a very successful stay in the Simon Kenton Council in Columbus Ohio. Ron has served in many positions on the unit, district and council level. Ron is active in NESA and the Order of the Arrow. To fill all the positions on this new committee will be a challenge and to that end the COP committee is putting out a want ad.

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WANTED VOLUNTEERS!

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scouts of the Chicago Council to ensure they're getting what was promised to them when they joined. Applications are available from the camping center and the scout office. All applicants will be interviewed to make sure they meet the qualifications.

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1997 Calendar of Events

Board of Directors Meeting at Owasppe	May 2, 3 & 4th
Spring Fix-it # 1	May 16, 17 & 18th
Spring Fix-it #2	June 6, 7 & 8th
Picnic	August 24th
Fall Fix-it	September 19, 20 & 21st
Christmas Party	December 7th